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E.O. 11652; GDS  
TAGS: XH, RO, BU  
SUBJECT: BULGARIAN POSITION ON MULTILATERAL BALKAN COOPERATION

REF: BUCHAREST 2359

1. WE FIND STOYANOV'S COMMENTS REPORTED REFTTEL OF INTEREST, BUT WE DOUBT THAT THEY REFLECT A BULGARIAN FEELING OF BEING UNDER UNDUE PRESSURE ON QUESTION OF BALKAN CONFERENCE. WE BELIEVE THE BULGARIANS CONTINUE TO SEE AS PREFERABLE, AND FEASIBLE, CONTINUED CONCENTRATION ON BILATERAL (AND POSSIBLE MINOR TECHNICAL MULTILATERAL) CONTACTS. WHILE BULGARIA MAY BE SENSITIVE ON POSSIBLE MOVES TO EXCLUDE HER FROM A MULTILATERAL MEETING, WE BELIEVE THEY REMAIN CONFIDENT THAT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT OCCUR.

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2. IT HAS BEEN OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT AT LEAST IN VARIOUS BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS THE BULGARIANS HAVE FOR SOME TIME BEEN INDICATING A REDINESS TO DISCUSS MULTILATERALLY ONE OR ANOTHER MINOR SUBJECT. THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR HERE TOLD US SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, WITH DERISION, THAT THE BULGARIANS HAD SAID THEY ARE PREPARED TO DIS-

CUSS PHILATELY. AS WE HAVE EARLIER REPORTED (SOFIA 0335) IN MLADENOV'S DISCUSSIONS IN BUCHAREST IN FEBRUARY, HE AGREED THAT LOW-LEVEL MULTILATERAL CONTACTS MIGHT BE USEFUL IN THE FIELDS OF MEDICINE, PHILATELY, SPORTS, AND ONE OTHER (FOLKLORE?). (INCIDENTALLY, WE RECALL THAT MEDICINE HAD BEEN ONE FIELD REPORTEDLY IDENTIFIED BY TITO AND CEAUSESCU IN DECEMBER (77 BUCHAREST 9006).) WE ALSO NOTE THAT ATHENS HAD REPORTED IN FEBRUARY (ATHENS 1636) THAT THE BULGARIANS HAD APPROVED ONE UN-IDENTIFIED SUBJECT FOR MULTILATERAL DISCUSSION.

3. IN AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSTATIONS WITH BULGARIAN OFFICIALS IN WHICH THIS GENERAL

SUBJECT HAS ARISEN, THE BULGARIANS HAVE CONSISTENTLY SHIED AWAY FROM SAYING MORE THAN THAT BILATERAL CONTACTS ARE MORE APPROPRIATE AT THIS STAGE THAN WOULD BE A MULTILATERAL MEETING AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL. WE EXPECT THIS TO REMAIN THE BULGARIAN POSITION UNDER EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES.  
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